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1. During April 1952, the State Carpenters' Cooperative built three "huge" wooden vats for use at the Bukhovo Uranium Mine. These vats are 3.5 meters high and six meters in diameter and are mounted on a stone platform 0.5 meters high. Other similar vats were in use prior to April 1952.
2. The ore taken from the mines is thrown into the vats, where it is washed with water and an unknown ingredient. After the washing, the ore is put into 50-kilo-gram paper bags and taken to the Yana railroad station (N 42-43, E 23-34) in ZIS trucks. From Yana, the ore is taken to the port of Burgas for shipment abroad.
3. Soviet technicians are prospecting for uranium at Lokorsko (N 42-47, E 23-27), Voynegovtsi (N 42-48, E 23-26), Eleshnitsa (N 42-45, E 23-37), and Zhelyava (N 42-45, E 23-38).

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